

I thank CDR John Arbuckle for a fantastic job. Best of luck to him and may God bless him, his family, and all the Sailors he is charged with leading.

**NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE
PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT OF
2020**

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, as Co-Chair of the House Oceans Caucus, I rise in support of S. 910, a bill to reauthorize and increase funding for the National Sea Grant College Program.

The health of our ocean reflects the health of our planet. The Sea Grant program's research, extension, and education efforts are essential to improve our understanding, conservation, and use of our nation's coastal resources. Affiliated with Oregon State University (OSU) as one of the 33 university-based programs, Oregon Sea Grant focuses on the ecological, social, and economic effects of many coastal issues, including evaluating development, adapting to coastal hazards, protecting marine fisheries, and understanding the cultural significance of marine resources.

Oregon Sea Grant also fosters and increases public understanding of ocean and coastal issues through its management of the Visitor Center at OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Oregon. The Center is an ocean and coastal learning laboratory for all ages. Oregon Sea Grant extension staff are based in coastal communities and along the Columbia River to engage stakeholders on topics related to ocean health and coastal communities. As Co-Chair of the House Oceans Caucus, I have had the opportunity to work with the Sea Grant program and witness the value of their collaborative model to crafting meaningful solutions to the most significant challenges facing our ocean today, like ocean acidification, harmful algal blooms, hypoxia, marine debris, and tsunami preparedness.

I am grateful to Oregon Sea Grant for their many efforts to protect and sustain coastal communities, and especially their work to strengthen the resiliency of our ocean and coastal ecosystems in Northwest Oregon. I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill.

**HONORING JOAN HARDIE
MUNFORD**

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Joan Hardie Munford, who passed away on November 11, 2020. Mrs. Munford was a businesswoman and represented parts of the New River Valley in the Virginia House of Delegates, where she was a legislator of accomplishment.

Joan Hardie was born on October 25, 1933, in Blacksburg, Virginia to John D. Hardie and Hester Price Hardie. Her family owned busi-

nesses including the popular Hardie House restaurant in the area. She attended Blacksburg High School, where she met her eventual husband Thomas William Munford Jr., and graduated in 1951. She then attended Radford College, now Radford University, and earned a degree in Education.

Mrs. Munford embarked on a business career, participating in the founding of a property and nursing home development corporation in the early 1970s. She worked as a licensed nursing home administrator for Heritage Hall in Blacksburg, and it became a chain with seventeen nursing homes across Virginia. She eventually rose to the position of Vice President of Operations.

In 1981, Mrs. Munford was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates representing the Thirteenth District and become one of the few women in the General Assembly. In the House, she served on the Corporations, Insurance, and Banking, Labor and Commerce, and Education Committees. She was an accomplished legislator involved in passing laws regarding education, child labor, and workplace regulation among other topics. By the time she retired from the House of Delegates in 1993, she had risen to chair of the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Retiring from the House of Delegates did not end Mrs. Munford's community service, as she served on the Board of Directors for First National Bank of Christiansburg and the Carilion New River Valley Medical Center and as a member of the first planning committee for Virginia Tech's Choices and Challenges Forum Series. She was an active member of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church and loved music, especially playing the piano, throughout her life.

Mrs. Munford is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and David Harder; her grandsons, James Harder and Benjamin Harder and his wife, Jacquelyn Harder; and great-grandchildren, Cole and Airie Harder. I offer my condolences to them on the loss of this community servant and advocate.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for a recorded vote on November 18, 2020 for Closing Portions of the Conference for H.R. 6395, the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 222.

**IN HONOR OF PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER
MICHAEL "MIKE"
MEADOR**

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael "Mike" Lloyd Meador for his honorable 28 years of public service as Precinct 1 Commissioner in Montgomery County.

The Meador family roots in Montgomery County extend back over 100 years, and Mike has carried on the family legacy with his leadership and integrity. Mike was born to W.L. and Poodle Meador in Willis, Texas, and graduated from Willis High School. Staying near his roots, he went on to earn a degree in Accounting from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

Always a dedicated member of his community, Mike has served as Montgomery County Commissioner of Precinct 1 since January of 1993. In fact, in December of 2019, Mike was recognized as the longest-serving commissioner in the history of the county. After 28 years in service, Mike announced he will be stepping down from this position in January of 2021.

Mike's time in public service has been as accomplished as it has been lengthy, and his exceptional management has helped attract commercial and industrial businesses to the precinct. Under Mike's leadership, several successful developments have been established; two community centers, multiple Justice of the Peace and Constable buildings, 17 baseball fields, and the acquisition of a grant to build a recycling center. Mike's tenure has been defined by honesty, integrity, and humility. He's always prided himself on maintaining an open line of communication with constituents, and remained constantly engaged with those he serves. It's no wonder he was named "Elected Official of the Year," by the Lake Conroe Rotary Club.

Mike's involvement in our community extends well beyond his role as commissioner—he is a member of First Baptist Church of Conroe, a lifetime member of both the Montgomery County Fair Association and Friends of Conroe, a member of the Montgomery County Historical Society and an active participant in the Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce.

Mike's commitment to his community is matched only by his commitment to his family. He and his wife of 50 years, Janie Houser Meador, have three children and nine wonderful grandchildren. I join them all in thanking him for his exceptional service to Montgomery County. Our community has been blessed to have Mike, and I wish him all the best as he embarks on his next endeavor.

HONORING ERIC BURMEISTER

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Eric Burmeister, Executive Director of the Polk County Housing Trust Fund, as this week's Iowan of the Week for the week of September 25, 2020.

Iowans have been through a lot recently. Along with the COVID-19 pandemic, we have also experienced extreme drought, a derecho, and some communities are still recovering from last year's floods. One common issue families are facing as the result of each of those circumstances is a rise in housing insecurity, whether by damage to the home itself or loss of income to pay for housing. For far too many in our state, this basic human need